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APPLICATIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

**--Related Application**

This application claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/173,995 filed December 30, 1999 entitled ENHANCED VITERBI DECODER FOR WIRELESS APPLICATIONS and is a Continuation-in-Part of Patent Application No. 09/471,430 filed December 22, 1999 entitled FLEXIBLE VITERBI DECODER FOR WIRELESS APPLICATIONS.--

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Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	65.0 ± 1.5
Gender	
Male	50 (50.0%)
Female	50 (50.0%)
Education (years)	12.0 ± 1.0
Marital status	
Married	40 (80.0%)
Single	10 (20.0%)
Occupation	
Retired	30 (60.0%)
Unemployed	20 (40.0%)
Income (USD/month)	1000.0 ± 200.0
Health status	
Good	40 (80.0%)
Poor	10 (20.0%)
Comorbidities	
Hypertension	20 (40.0%)
Diabetes	10 (20.0%)
Cholesterol	15 (30.0%)
Smoking status	
Smoker	10 (20.0%)
Non-smoker	40 (80.0%)
Alcohol consumption	
Regular	5 (10.0%)
Occasional	15 (30.0%)
Never	30 (60.0%)